

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Udo KRUPKA	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: 10/561,345	)	Examiner: Zachariah Lucas
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Filed: December 20, 2005	)	
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For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN	)	Confirmation No.: 5930
(HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE	)	
HEPATITIS B VIRUS	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper,  
beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on  
page 5.